



GHOSTRIDER GAZETTE

Golf Battery, 1-79 Field Artillery

Class 51-09, 07AUG09, Week



Dear Friends and Family Members,

Hello again from beautiful Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The weather has returned to being quite warm, however, your Soldiers are doing well and remain focused on training. Your Soldiers successfully completed their first week of white phase and continue to show improved initiative and skill. Selected Soldiers have been appointed leadership positions within their platoons and are executing tasks directed by the Drill Sergeants. This allows them to work on the basics of time management, prioritization of work, communication skills and completing tasks.

We ended last week by continuing basic rifle marksmanship training (BRM) and your Soldiers grouped on Friday and zeroed on Saturday. Grouping consists of ensuring that all Soldiers are able to get all rounds in a small area and can maintain a consistent sight picture of the target (accuracy). Zeroing consists of adjusting every Soldier's weapon to their eyes so that the group of rounds that they are shooting will hit the desired area on a target (precision). The majority of this week was spent training your Soldiers on both simulated and live fire ranges to quickly and effectively transition between timed targets at various distances. This was all in preparation for two practice qualifications (on Thursday and Friday) that allowed them to see how the targets pop-up and how much time they are given to fire at each. Saturday will be the big day, record qualification. A majority of the Soldiers are shooting well and will qualify. A few of your Soldiers might require a little additional marksmanship training, but they will have additional training and opportunities to qualify with their weapon prior to graduation.

The graduation letter will be going out sometime later next week. I will finalize the graduation information packet as soon as possible and send it out via US Mail and via e-mail so that you have the most accurate information possible. The packet will include the graduation letter, area hotel/motel and transportation information, maps, a schedule of events, and a vehicle pass. The vehicle pass is not absolutely necessary, and if you don't have it, you can still inform the Post guards that you are here for a Basic Combat Training Graduation, and present proof of vehicle ownership/rental agreement and a valid photo I.D. to gain access to Ft. Sill. So that you can begin making travel arrangements, Family day activities will begin Thursday, 10 September at 9:30 a.m. Graduation is Friday, 11 September at 1:00 p.m. If you are looking for hotels in the local area use the following link:

http://www.2chambers.com/lawton_oklahoma.htm. I have also included a contact list of information for various hotel/motels and other transportation that is available.

I encourage you to write to your Soldiers. A little bit of encouragement from home goes a long way and Soldiers are receiving mail. Letters are fine, but do not send packages, magazines, food, or other contraband items (electronics, candy, soda, tobacco, pornography, etc...). All items received that are not authorized will be held with personal baggage and released to the Soldier upon graduation. Contraband will be confiscated and disposed of. Letters should be mailed to: **(Line 1) Soldier's Name (Line 2) Golf Battery, 1-79 FA, PLT #___ (Line 3) 5001 North Rothwell Rd (Line 4) Fort Sill, OK 73503**. I will keep you up to date on your Soldiers training using this email format. If there is someone else that you know that would like to receive these updates please send me their email address. If you have questions pertaining to an emergency concerning your Soldier, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you all in the future. Respectfully,

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Commanding

Ghostrider Soldier's In Action!



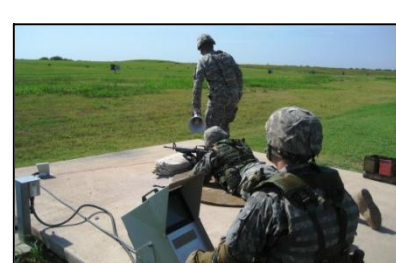
Soldiers work on zeroing their M16 rifle to their eyes, ensuring they can accurately hit a target.



Drill Sergeant Morales triangulates a Soldier's shot group so he can make adjustments to his weapon.



Soldiers wait to take showers while in the field. The newly constructed showers are a first for this BCT class.



Soldiers coach each other using the LOMAH system (location of miss/hit); a range computer system that provides firing feed-back.

Additional Photos of Ghost Rider Soldier's In Action!

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